



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4491**
Toshiyuki KAWAGUCHI et al. : Docket No. 2003-0407A
Serial No. 10/603,762 : Group Art Unit 2832
Filed June 26, 2003 : Examiner Marina Fishman

PUSH-BUTTON SWITCH MEMBER AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SAME

SECOND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated July 28, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended by two months to December 28, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated October 13, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

In item 2 on page 2 of the final Office Action, claims 19, 22, 29, 32-33, 36, 43 and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanabe (U.S. 5,871,088). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for kindly conducting the telephonic interview on October 18, 2004 with the Applicants' representative to discuss the Examiner's interpretation of the limitation "derivative of polythiophene," as recited in claims 19 and 33, in view of the disclosures of the applied references. The Applicants have insisted that the neither polyethylene nor polyethylene terephthalate (PET) are a "derivative of polythiophene." However, despite the Applicants' assertion to the contrary, the Examiner asserted that the limitation "derivative of polythiophene" is broad enough to reasonably encompass polyethylene and/or PET.